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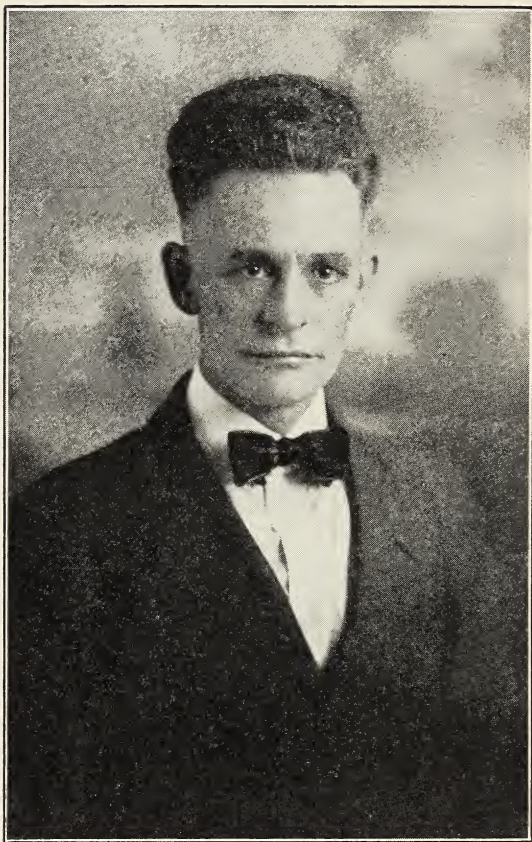


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JOHN H. McKIBBIN  
Goshen, Indiana

## To Our Friends and Customers

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IT IS with pleasure that we present to you this modest little catalogue containing a great many of the newer productions of Gladioli of which a large number are the Kunderd originations.

You will note that our prices have been greatly reduced over last year but the bulb quality remains the same high standard as of previous years, large, plump, healthy, full o' pep, sure to give perfect satisfaction.

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All the varieties listed in this catalogue are grown in our own fields under our own personal supervision, planting, cultivation, digging, curing, storage, cleaning, packing and shipping. There is nothing left undone that would aid in producing perfect quality bulbs.

JOHN H. McKIBBIN.

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## The Gladiolus

This brief article is written for two classes of flower lovers—those who have and those who have not grown the Gladiolus.

Certainly those who have never grown this beautiful flower have a surprise in store for them if they become acquainted with it. And those who have grown it perhaps for years, perpetuating the original stock of long ago, can have but a faint idea of the advance that has been made in recent years.

Care, patience and skill devoted to the improvement of this flower have been fruitful of result, and the good work is being steadily carried onward. Specialists in floriculture are earnestly at work in this line. New varieties are being created, poorer ones eliminated, and the means known to the profession are used to gain the end in view so that we confidently predict a future for the Gladiolus far in advance of its past, or even its present, although the Gladiolus of today is greatly superior to that of past years.

The Gladiolus is not only one of the grandest of outdoor flowers in cultivation but it possesses qualities that render it almost unrivalled as a cut flower for the home or for the florists, for feast or funeral for the bride or the boudoir, the club or the drawing room, it is equally adapted.

Its gorgeous colorings, its graceful form, its wide variety of tints, its size and strength and added to all these its remarkable lasting qualities make it pre-eminently desirable as a cut flower. In the garden its long season of bloom, together with its great variety of color, form and types makes it one of the most striking and noble of all garden subjects, and in the hands of the floral artist it lends itself to all manner and kinds of floral arrangement. It is suitable for a wide range of floral uses and as a decorative subject has few if any equals.

## Description and Prices

**ALICE TIPLADY**—A grand, large primulinus of most beautiful orange saffron color. Very choice.

Each, 10c; Doz., 80c; 100, \$6.00

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**ALTAIR**—Extra tall, primulinus of finest salmon saffron. A grand color.

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**AL SHIRA**—Large, deep wine red lower petals and throat almost black. Pansy like shape. Very attractive.

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**BUTTERFLY**—(Primulinus). A delicate salmon-pink, nicely ruffled, very strong and vigorous. The blooms resemble a giant butterfly.

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**BRIGHT RED**—A beautiful bright red, a solid color, large bloom and many open at a time. Very showy.

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**BARON J. HULOT**—Tall plant, medium size flowers, dark, velvety purple.

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**BROADCASTER** (formerly No. 108)—A 1924 introduction. A very strong, vigorous plant, almost a solid white, with slight magenta markings in throat, large, wide open blooms, nicely ruffled, many open at a time. A bouquet of itself. See cut on page 17.

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**CARMEN**—Tall, showy, brilliant cardinal red with prominent white blotch on lower petals. Very lily-like.

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**CHERRY KING**—Bright, rich, cherry color. Very lily-like flower and beautiful.

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**CHALLENGER**—Very large and vigorous plant. Giant bloom of dark, rich, velvety red, solid color. An extraordinary fine new variety.

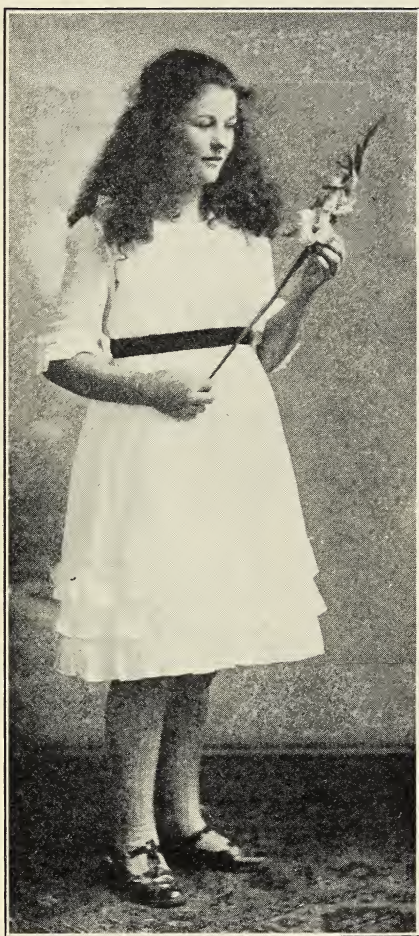
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**CRYSTAL WHITE**—Tall spike, large bloom, many open at a time and is all its name implies. Very beautiful.

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**CHERRY SPOT**—Tall, strong plant, large blooms, a beautiful, deep, cherry red with darker throat blotch.

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*"The Two Dorothys"*

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**E. J. SHAYLOR**—A beautiful, pure, deep rose pink, tall, strong plant, large blooms, nicely ruffled, with many open at a time. Each, 10c; Doz., \$1.00

**HERADA**—Large flower of a deep, soft lilac color. Tall spike. A very good cut flower variety. Each, 10c; Doz., \$1.00

**HELGA**—Fine salmon rose, deeper rose and cream on white ground. Unusually graceful spike, tall and handsome plant. Each, 15c; Doz., \$1.50

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**EVELYN KIRTLAND**—Rose pink, deeper at edges, fading to shell pink at center, with brilliant scarlet blotches on lower petals. Very tall spikes. One of the best for cut flowers. Each, 10c; Doz., \$1.00

**GOV. HANLY**—A first-class cut flower and bedding variety. Early, showy, tall, rich, cardinal red, with deeper throat color. Each, 10c; Doz., \$1.00; 100, \$7.50

**GOLD PHEASANT**—Beautiful yellow lower petals finely marked in penciled red, tall, straight spike with many open at a time. A first-class gladiolus. Each, 10c; Doz., 80c

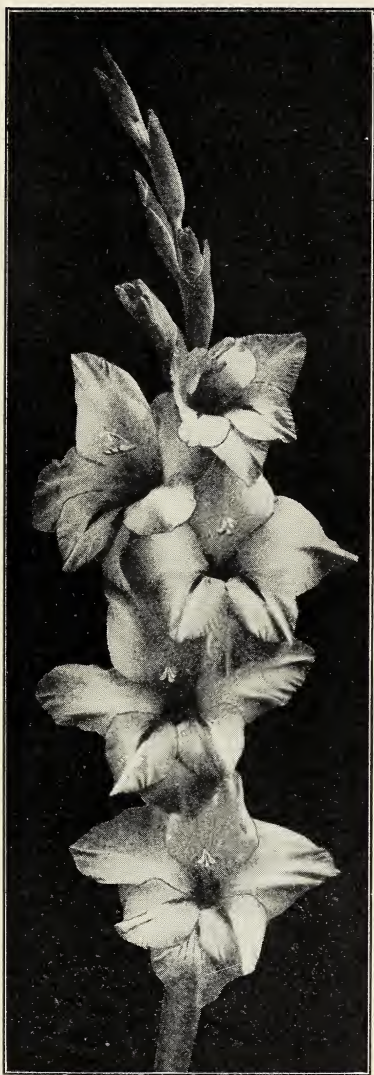
**GOLD DROP**—(Primulinus.) An extra large pure yellow with beautiful red line on petals. Beautifully ruffled. Spikes from 4 to 5 feet tall. Each, 35c; Doz., \$3.50

**JOE COLEMAN**—Very large and vigorous. Rich red, ruffled, very choice. Each, 15c; Doz., \$1.25

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**MRS. FRANK PENDLETON**—Bright rose-pink on white background. A giant blotch of richest carmine red on lower petals. No grander variety in existence.

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**MYRTLE**—A delicate rose-pink. The most beautiful pink yet produced in a gladiolus.

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**MARY FENNELL**—A large, wide open bloom of deep lilac shading, paler to a soft yellow throat. Very beautiful.

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**MRS. GEORGE MOULTON**—A grand cerise, deeper throat, almost a solid color, large plant, tall, straight spike and many open at a time.

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**MRS. DR. NORTON**—Tall, stately plant. Blooms of the finest cream and pink. Lower petals soft sulphur-yellow flushed with pink. Very beautiful.

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**MRS. W. E. FRYER**—A vigorous plant. Large, wide open bloom. Finest orange scarlet. Very showy.

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**MARY PICKFORD**—An extraordinary flower of most delicate cream-white. Finest soft sulphur-yellow throat. Good-sized blooms. Many open at a time. A grand white.

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**MACK'S CARDINAL**—1924 introduction. Tall, straight spike, a beautiful, clear cardinal red, no markings, large, wide open blooms, many open at a time. A first-class cut flower variety.

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**MIS SHELEN FRANKLIN**—White with violet stripes on lower petals, large flowers nicely ruffled, many open at a time.

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**NEUTRALITY**—Orchid pink. Large flowers, strong plant. Many blooms open at one time. Very beautiful.

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**NEGERFURST**—Tall, dark red, large, wide open blooms, many open at one time. A very good cut flower variety.

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**ORANGE GLORY**—Large ruffled, grand orange colored, with beautiful lighter throat. Very rich and striking color.

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**PURPLE GLORY**—A giant gladiolus of remarkable color, deepest velvety maroon red, faint shading of purple with almost black throat. Beautifully ruffled, with many open at a time. A giant in size. Truly wonderful.

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**PRESIDENT MENOCAL**—Very tall, large yellow flower, dainty pink ruffled border with fine red throat blotch.

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SENTINEL

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**RACINE**—Very dark red, flaked deeper, almost black, white in throat.

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**1910 ROSE**—Extra large flower, pure rose-pink of a very fine shade. Lower petals marked with narrow white line through center. Very fine.

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**SOVEREIGN**—Deep violet blue. Medium size flowers. Five and six open at a time. Tall, graceful spike. Very rare.

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**SENTINEL**—Very tall, strong plant. Large, pure rose-pink, with elegantly white penciled, iris-like throat. Very showy.

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**SUMMER BEAUTY**—No finer shade of pink. Tall and showy. Grand.

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**WHITE KING**—Tall, very rich sulphur-white splendidly ruffled and nicely marked on lower petals.

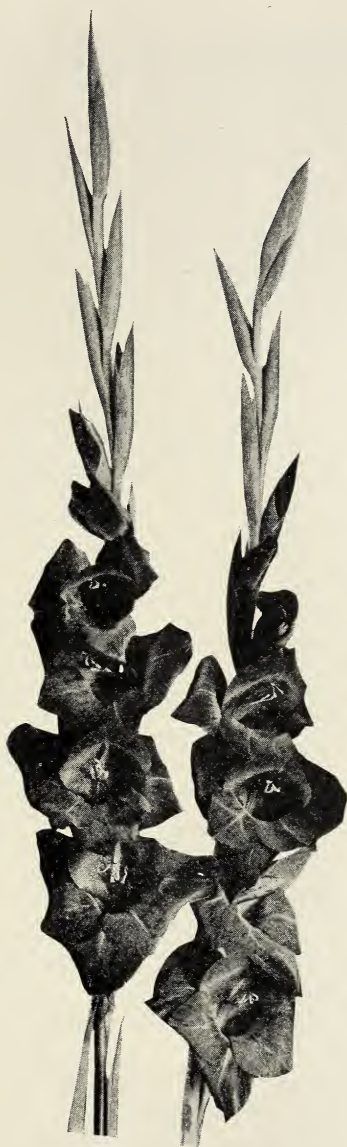
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**WHITE GLORY**—A gorgeous pure white of extra size. Nicely ruffled with beautiful iris blue throat. Grand.

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**WHITE WONDER**—A gigantic white bloom with delicate veinings of pink. A great show variety.

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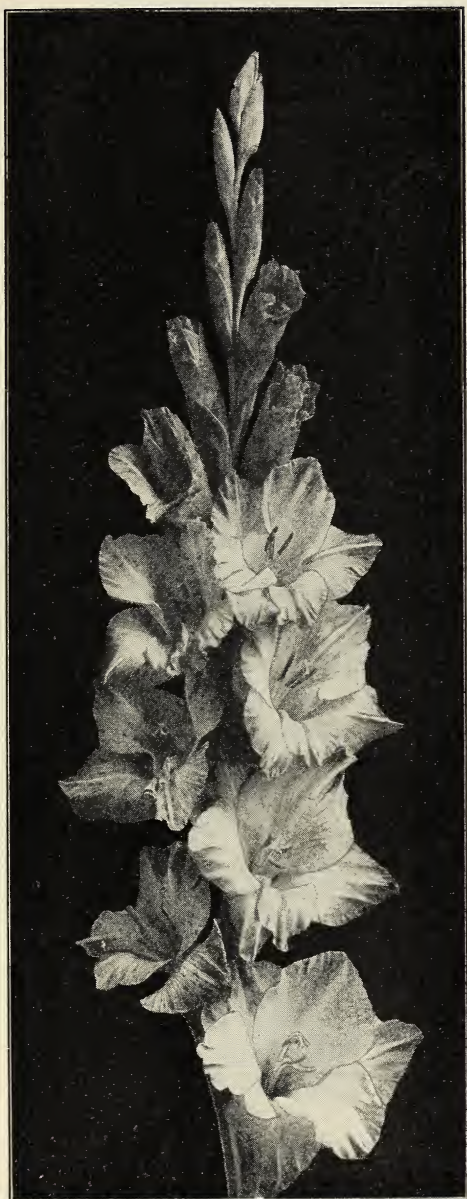
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MRS. (DR.) NORTON

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DOROTHY McKIBBIN

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3 Summer Beauty .....	.30

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PURPLE GLORY

A giant Gladiolus of remarkable color, deepest, velvety maroon red, faint shading of purple with almost black throat. Beautifully ruffled, with many open at a time. A giant in size. Truly wonderful.

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# The Gladiolus, The King of Flowers

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Do you grow Gladiolus in your garden? Can you grow the sturdy, beautiful spikes such as you see in your Florist's windows? Do you know what it means to you to save and grow your cormels? Did you ever realize the vast amount of pleasure there is in growing this flower from seed? If you have not realized all these pleasures, is it because of lack of knowledge? There is no secret to them. If you belong to the American Gladiolus Society you will receive its official Magazine which explains all these things and teaches you how to grow them as good as the professional. The Magazine will also teach you the best varieties and the proper colors to grow for different effects and purposes.

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DOROTHY McKIBBIN



BROADCASTER

(Formerly No. 108.)

This specimen was originated by Mr. A. E. Kunderd. We purchased the entire stock of this variety of Mr. Kunderd in 1920, and introduced it in 1924 under No. 108. For description see page 3.

## "BROADCASTER"

Broadcaster (formerly No. 108) was introduced last year under number and I offered a prize of six bulbs of this variety to the persons (purchasing one or more bulbs of this variety) sending in the most appropriate name for it.

From the long list of names we received, we have decided to name it Broadcaster, Mr. J. B. Gottschall of Van Wert, Ohio, sending in this name.

Mr. Gottschall gives his reasons for naming No. 108 Broadcaster in the following letter, viz:

Van Wert, Ohio, July 29, 1924.

Mr. J. H. McKibbin,  
Goshen, Indiana.

Dear Sir:

Early this spring I purchased one bulb No. 108. I planted it with care April 10th, on July 16th it bloomed, eight open 16 buds in all, 96 days, weather cold, cloudy, rainy during April, May and June. Now the best of all next to its wonderous beauty was the fact that it sent up four good, big, healthy spikes, not one of which was deficient. The four spikes all bloomed within ten days of the time the first flower opened on the first spike.

I think, therefore you can do 108 justice by naming it Broadcaster for the following reasons:

1st. On four spikes it sends its beauty and worth to the four corners of the earth to give pleasure and entertainment to the thousands who will tune in.

2nd. Broadcaster, because of its height about foliage.

3. Broadcaster, because of the number open at one time for all who will tune in.

4th. Broadcaster, because it is bound to become more and more popular.

5th. Broadcaster, because of its hardiness, it needs no relay.

6th. Broadcaster, because it is as far in advance of other whites, all points considered, as the broadcasting stations of today are in advance of the old lumbering stage coaches carrying mail to the people.

Many thanks,

J. B. GOTTSCHALL

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## CARE AND CULTURE OF THE GLADIOLUS

The Gladiolus possesses great vigor and tenacity of life, growing and blooming even under adverse and unfavorable circumstances. The hardiness of the bulb is remarkable.

This does not make it any less true that it is wise to give it the best of care, and it will well repay such care.

### Preparing the Soil.

The soil should be made fine and mellow to a considerable depth, plowing or spading 10 to 12 inches deep.

### Fertility of Soil.

If not already in a good state of fertility the soil should be made so by a liberal dressing of manure. For best results this should be applied in the fall previous to the planting in the spring. In applying manure in the spring it should be done as early as possible before planting time. Some good commercial fertilizer such as bone meal or prepared sheep manure worked into the soil before planting is a great advantage to the plants.

While the Gladiolus will grow in almost any fertile soil, it succeeds best in a sandy or gravelly loam, with good drainage, and will also thrive in a clay loam if the subsoil be not too compact.

If the season be dry it is well to water thoroughly occasionally, up to the period of bloom, avoiding the trampling or stirring of the ground while wet.

### Planting.

If the flowers are desired mainly for cutting for bouquets or decorative work they may be planted in rows eighteen or twenty inches apart, or wider if desired and placing the bulbs four to six inches apart in the row. A convenient way to do this is to make a furrow with a small hand plow and place the bulbs in the bottom not less than four inches deep, covering with the mellow soil. This affords the most convenience in after care and cultivation.

Planting should be done as early as the ground can be brought into good condition in the spring. A safe rule is to plant when ordinary farm crops, such as corn and oats are being planted.

### Cultivation.

Treatment after planting is simple, but neglect is no part of it. Weeds are to be absolutely kept down and the soil finely cultivated and stirred once a week, keeping the surface level until bloom appears after which it is well to throw a little soil to the rows, hilling up



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### Cutting the Blooms.

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### Digging and Storing.

Bulbs should be dug before the plants are too ripe in the fall before the hard frosts. Dig the bulbs and cut off the tops closely against the bulbs. Dry well in the air and sunshine, cure thoroughly indoors for a few weeks, then store in a cool dry place. It is best not to place bulbs more than four inches deep while in storage. Florists' flats are very suitable for this purpose. Extremes of dampness and dryness are alike to be avoided. If they sprout they are too warm, if they shrivel they are too dry, while freezing destroys them at once.

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